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Vitrolife UK Limited, a corporation having a principal place of business at Research Avenue South, Heriot Watt Research Park, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH14 4AP, United Kingdom, is assignee of the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100), by reason of an Assignment to the Assignee executed on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2001 of an invention known as Process for the Production of Multiple Cross-Linked Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives (Attorney Docket No. 0623.1110001), which is disclosed and claimed in a patent application of the same title by the inventors Xiaobin ZHAO (said application filed on August 2, 2001 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, having Application Number 09/920,286).

The Assignee hereby appoint the U.S. attorneys associated with **CUSTOMER NUMBER 28393** to prosecute this application and any continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, or reissue application thereof, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, such attorneys currently being: Robert Greene Sterne, Esq., Reg. No. 28,912; Edward J. Kessler, Esq., Reg. No. 25,688; Jorge A. Goldstein, Esq., Reg. No. 29,021; David K.S. Cornwell, Esq., Reg. No. 31,944; Robert W. Esmond, Esq., Reg. No. 32,893; Tracy-Gene G. Durkin, Esq., Reg. No. 32,831; Michele A. Cimbala, Esq., Reg. No. 33,851; Michael B. Ray, Esq., Reg. No. 33,997; Robert E. Sokohl, Esq., Reg. No. 36,013; Eric K. Steffe, Esq., Reg. No. 36,688; Michael Q. Lee, Esq., Reg. No. 35,239; Steven R. Ludwig, Esq., Reg. No. 36,203; John M. Covert, Esq., Reg. No. 38,759; and Linda E. Alcorn, Esq., Reg. No. 39,588. The Assignee hereby grants said attorneys the power to insert on this Power of Attorney any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The Assignee hereby authorizes the U.S. attorneys named herein to accept and follow instructions from Kilburn and Strode, 20 Red Lion Street, London WC1R 4PJ, ENGLAND

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BY: DAVID JAMES WHITE  
TITLE: MANAGING DIRECTOR  
DATE: 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2001.

Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Vitrolife UK Limited

Application No./Patent No.: 09/920,286 Filed/Issue Date: August 2, 2001

Entitled: Process for the Production of Multiple Cross-Linked Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee.

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2001

Name: DAVID JAMES WHITE

Title: MANAGING DIRECTOR

Signature: [Signature]

ASSIGNMENT

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In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or equivalent and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned inventor: Xiaobin ZHAO, the undersigned inventor hereby sells and assigns to Vitrolife UK Limited, a corporation having a principal place of business at Research Avenue South, Heriot Watt Research Park, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH14 4AP, United Kingdom (the Assignee) his/her entire right, title and interest, including the right to sue for past infringement and to collect for all past, present and future damages:

check applicable box(es) ☒ for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100),  
☐ and throughout the world,

(a) in the invention known as Process for the Production of Multiple Cross-Linked Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives for which application for patent in the United States of America has been executed by the undersigned on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2001 (also known as United States Application No. 09/920,286, filed August 2, 2001), in any and all applications thereon, in any and all Letters Patent(s) therefor, and

(b) in any and all applications that claim the benefit of the patent application listed above in part (a), including continuing applications, reissues, extensions, renewals and reexaminations of the patent application or Letters Patent therefor listed above in part (a), to the full extent of the term or terms for which Letters Patents issue, and

(c) in any and all inventions described in the patent application listed above in part (a), and in any and all forms of intellectual and industrial property protection derivable from such patent application, and that are derivable from any and all continuing applications, reissues, extensions, renewals and reexaminations of such patent application, including, without limitation, patents, applications, utility models, inventor's certificates, and designs together with the right to file applications therefor; and including the right to claim the same priority rights from any previously filed applications under the International Agreement for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement, or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable;

all such rights, title and interest to be held and enjoyed by the above-named Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns to the same extent as all such rights, title and interest would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignor had this assignment and sale not been made.

The undersigned inventor agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with the application and any continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue, reexamination or corresponding applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

The undersigned inventor agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference or patent enforcement action (judicial or otherwise) related to the application or any continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue or reexamination applications thereof and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference or patent enforcement action.

The undersigned inventor hereby represents that he/she has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he/she has not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict therewith.

The undersigned inventor hereby grants Robert Greene Sterne, Esquire, Registration No. 28,912; Edward J. Kessler, Esquire, Registration No. 25,688; Jorge A. Goldstein, Esquire, Registration No. 29,021; David K.S. Cornwell, Esquire, Registration No. 31,944; Robert W. Esmond, Esquire, Registration No. 32,893; Tracy-Gene G. Durkin, Esquire, Registration No. 32,831; Michele A. Cimbala, Esquire, Registration No. 33,851; Michael B. Ray, Esquire, Registration No. 33,997; Robert E. Sokohl, Esquire, Registration No. 36,013; Eric K. Steffe, Esquire, Registration No. 36,688; Michael Q. Lee, Esquire, Registration No. 35,239; Steven R.

Ludwig, Esquire, Registration No. 36,203; John M. Covert, Esquire, Registration No. 38,759; and Linda E. Alcorn, Esquire, Registration No. 39,588; all of STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C., 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20005-3934, power to insert in this assignment any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, executed by the undersigned inventor on the date opposite his/her name.

Date: 13 / 12 / 2001

Signature of Inventor: \_\_\_\_\_

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